IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TAKESHITA et al.

Application No.: 10/791,853

For: METERS For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING

ALCOHOL BY USING MICROORGANISM

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: MARX, Irene

Attorney Ref. No.: US-163

Confirmation No.: 5567

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2007, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.